

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014
 COMMUNITY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
 DR. LARRY GASCO, CHAIRPERSON, FACILITATING
 Approved

Presenter	Discussion	Motion	Recommendation/Action
Welcome from Assembly Member Ed Chau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important for SGV to communicate with DMH because there are over 40 ethnic API groups in the SGV. • Authorize state to release funding for mental illness with housing needs through a bill. • Roundtable to discuss the mental status for the API community. Discussed how to better understand the mental health needs of the SGV because the model minority myth presents there is no mental illness because of cultural and traditional beliefs. • Carried bill to help provide money for state to release funding for housing in the SGV. • Assembly Member stated that he is a valuable resource and advocate for increasing services in the SGV so contact office with ideas and concerns. Please use him as a resource. 		
Dr. Larry Gasco, Chairman, Mental Health Commission	Call to Order Roll Call	Motion to Approve the Minutes of November 2014 – Minutes approved unanimously with corrections.	Absent Excused: Howard Askins and Barry Perrou Absent: Fred Leaf
	Recognition of Guests and Acknowledgement from Chairman		

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	<p>Our primary reason for us being here is to hear from consumers and family members. It is important to thank you for being here and for you to hear what the residents and family members has to say and thank you for coming.</p> <p>Dignitaries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Yasuko Sakamoto, Little Tokyo Center • Commander John E. Perez, Criminal Investigations Division • Mayor Judy M. Nelson Glendora • Council Member Liz Reilly, City of Duarte • Deputy Lawrence Shih, First District • Chief of Police Jim Smith, Monterey Park Police Dept. <p>SAAC 3 Co-Chairs Chris Carlson and Gerard Torres</p> <p>DMH Service Area 3 Administration Alfredo Larios, District Chief</p> <p>Service Area 3 DMH Representatives Jamie Renteria and Claudia Fierro</p>		
Presentations	<p>Latino Community in SGV Dr. Luis Garcia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SGV is a huge diverse community. Population over 1.8 million, of this number 60% of the population is Latino. • A huge disparity in state and counties. DMH continues to work very hard to reduce these disparities. 		ACTION ITEMS - None

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More outreach and engagement needed. • Work needed with grass roots community agencies and faith based agencies to enhance services to Latinos. • Early investment and prevention to prevent clients from going to jail instead improve their quality of life. • Suicide component is huge and bullying is prevalent in schools. Keeps MET and PET teams very busy • Latinos represent 60% of population in SGV. 		
	<p>Comments from Commissioner Gilberg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers need substantial mental health program of training • Would be important for some of us to know what the training program would be, as we may be of assistance in the development of the curriculum 		
	<p>Asian Pacific Islander Community in SGV Connie Chung Joe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very diverse Asian community, important to break stereotypes about Asians • Fastest growing community in LA County (16% growth) • Many are low income, live below poverty line • Most are foreign born, experience high linguistic isolation (28 languages) • Approx. 1 in 3 are uninsured, or have public coverage 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Huge cultural stigma <p>Dr. Terry Gock</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stigma reduction, service goals, and workforce shortage - programs designed to prevent incarceration are not relevant to Asian American population, rather, linguistically appropriate and culturally competent programs designed to help school and community adjustment are necessary In need of adequate workforce to meet demands <p>Markio Kahn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritizing disparity among mental health services for Asian Americans is most important Important to target funding Indigent care funding has become almost nonexistent. Important that LA County's level of indigent care funding remains Advocate for the inclusion of translation services as a billable item. 		
Public Comments	There were 18 public comments. There were no unresolved issues.		
DMH Report Dr. Robin Kay, Chief Deputy Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board approval for both SB 82 board letters and 2 initiatives: 1) Board approval to proceed with implementing the segment under the California housing and financing administration. Funding will allow implementation of 3 new psychiatric centers in LA County. 2) 		

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	<p>Oversight and accountability funding to increase mobile services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion of placement stabilization teams • Forming collaboratives including mental health providers, health providers, and substance abuse providers, looking at varying health disparities • Plan to include people with lived experience as staff, which is important • Continuing to work with DA Task Force on implementation of jail diversion program • Department has proceeded with revamping Arcadia Mental Health Center • Always interested in working with stakeholders to reduce disparities 		
<p>Chief of Police Jim Smith</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be increasing training • Represents task force training for LA County • As a police chief, there's a huge liability to have someone in jail when they belong in a hospital • Starting collaborative teams • Goals to impact booking process, as well as preventative measures • Would like to model process on other cities with successful programs, similar to what we're planning to implement • We have altered thoughts to focus on being trained over time, not just in the academy 		

December 18 2014 – Mental Health Commission Annual Offsite Community Meeting Highlights

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Comments from SAAC 3 Co-chairs	Gerard Torres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAAC meetings offer opportunity to participate at a local level Chris Carlson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanks Bruce Boardman for participation as prior SAAC Co-Chair Working on increasing community participation Consistency and dependability of care: people need to be available where services are needed. This is essential for recovery 		
Motion to adjourn	Made by Commissioner DeBose and second by Commissioner Miguda-Armstead		
Next Meeting	Thursday, January 22, 2015 11 am – 1:30 pm Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration – Room 739 500 W. Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012		